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APPLICANT(S): Shigeru Nishio et al.

SERIAL NO: 10/567,710

EXAMINER: Witkowski, Alexander C.

FILED: February 7, 2006

GROUP: 2853

FOR: ELECTROSTATIC SUCTION TYPE FLUID DISCHARGE DEVICE,
ELECTROSTATIC SUCTION TYPE FLUID DISCHARGE METHOD, AND
PLOT PATTERN FORMATION METHOD USING THE SAME

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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICIAL
ACTION REQUIRING ELECTION/RESTRICTION

This is in response to the currently outstanding non-final Official Action in the above-identified case dated 5 December 2008.

Claims 1-23 are pending in the subject application. Claims 1-23 are subject to an election/restriction requirement.

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1. Identified the following inventions that he alleges to be patentably distinct from one another:

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discharging droplets of alternating polarity.

Group II, Claims 16-23, drawn to electrostatic suction device fluid discharge device,
discharging droplets to form drawing patterns.

2. Required the Applicants to elect one of the foregoing inventions under 35 USC 121 for further prosecution on the merits in this application.
3. Required Applicant to list all of the pending claims that are deemed to be readable on the elected invention;

In response to the currently outstanding requirement for restriction, **Applicant hereby elects Group I Claims 1-15, without traverse** for further prosecution in the merits in this application.

Applicants respectfully submit that this communication is fully responsive to the currently outstanding Official Action in the above-identified application. Early substantive consideration and allowance, therefore, is respectfully requested.

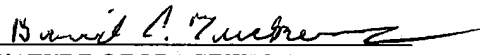
It also is noted for the record that the currently outstanding Official Action did not note or acknowledge Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement of 29 May 2008, or provide the Applicant with a signed, dated and initialed copy of the Form PTO/SB/08a/b submitted therewith in confirmation of the consideration of the art listed therein. Such action is respectfully requested in response to this communication.

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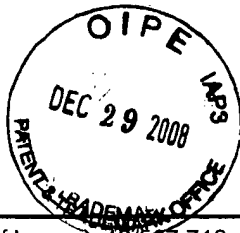
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